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THE POSTOFFICE SCANDAL.

Postmaster-General Payne was at firs Misnosed to make light of the charges preferred against officials in his depart ment, but his eyes are now opened, for he has discovered that the charges are well grounded. Indeed, indications now point to corrupt practices unequalled the administration of Genera Grant. It appears that August W. Madelivery in the Postoffice Department and a man of considerable influence in Republican politics, has been regularly system. According to the evidence in hand, he would make contracts with this man or the other to furnish supplies for his department with ar ceive a commission on the sales. Enough ing to \$22,000. This was not received in a single transaction, but in many, the

In one case he contracted with a conwhich consist of two pieces of cast from with a contrivance for holding togethe with a spring, the whole being a simple Nevice by which letter boxes are clasped upright iron posts. It is said that these steners cost in the making about 25 cents each, but they were sold to the with the inventor at \$1.25 each, and the total amount paid for them since 1894 was

this sum of money without feeling it. But Mr. Machen's crime is none the less alleges, he is guilty. Here was a man government, the trusted representa-tive of the people, whose duty it was to administer his department as economically as possible, yet deliberately enterthe government with insignificant devices at an enormous price under an thus fliched from the government should doors against thieves, and if they break grace as we may. We do not expect any better of the thief. But when we pu a trusted man in charge of our affairs, and commit our interest to him, we do if he steads he is worse than a common thief, for in addition to the theft he outrageously abuses our trust. The public official who does this thing is a thief pevere for him.

when discoveries of this sort are made It causes tax-payers to be anxious, it gives all honest men the creeps to feel that in the most trusted positions of government there are thioves and traitors ready to profit at the expense prominence betrays his trust, tax-payers naturally ask themselves, Who can be trusted? and their suspicions against officers in general are apt to be aroused. There is some comfort, however, in the fact that these frauds in the Postoffice Department have been discovered, and that the delinquents are to be dealt with according to their deserts. It is something to know that this investigation has been conducted fearlessly, and that there has been no attempt at concealment. Investigation and exposure and condign punishment are the only remedies exists, certainly whenever a charge has been made, there should be a prompt and thorough investigation, and an honest and fearless effort made to ascertain the facts. That is the rifle to be pursued in all departments of government, national, State and local, and hence it is that we most cordially commend the accity of Richmond for determining to in vestigate charges that have been made against present members and former members of that body. Let the committee probe deep. Let it find out the facts and let it discharge its plain duty without

and exposing the guilty, if guilty they A HAPPY RIDDANCE.

It was stated in our local columns yes-terday that inasmuch as the Barksdale pure elections law, imposing a penalty upon candidates for the offer or gift of money or other valuable considerations to win the votes or support of voters described the votes or support of voters, does not become effective until later on, candidates are delaying their announcements.

"If a man announces himself a candidate now for the General Assembly or for a county office," the report proceeds, affiliation. That is the only combination

"he would subject himself to appeals for those experienced county and city men who have for years received pay for their

That practice which has for so long been in vogue in Virginia has been a disgrace to our politics, and if the pure elections law does nothing more than to break it up it will not be in vain. Here their business, and their only business during a campaign, to go around and perform some work in the interest of some candidate, and sometimes "political clubs" are organized for revenue only is a bad practice and it has doubtles deterred many a good man from running for office. Apart from the expense in volved, it must be most obnoxious to s good and upright man to be nagged a and hounded by a lot of "political workers," so-called, who are in politics simply and solely for the little pay that they can pick up, and whose services are to be had by the highest bidder, regardless of of the money expended in this direction has found its way into the whiskey shops ery. The candidates are almost power come out boldly and announced that they would spend no money in this direction recess depended upon employing the 'field agents," and when the money went out of their possession into the hands of the agents, it was impossible for the candidate to control it, and the

That is the trouble about using mone in elections, and that is why there was such a demand for a law prohibiting the candidates in the presecution of a palgn. No matter how good a man was keen the money which he put out fr for him to control it when once it had passed out of his hands.

We sincerely hope that this law obeyed in the spirit as well as in the letter, and that it will mark the beginning of a much needed reform in Virginia

PETERSBURG COTTON MILLS.

ests in and around the city of Petersburg mills will now be put upon a substantic footing, thoroughly equipped with new machinery and operated to the full ent of their capacity. The cotton mills cessful, and there is no sufficient reason why that industry should not pay Petersburg and in Richmond. We are close to the cotton fields, we have good water power, we have splendid transpor-tation facilities, and we are nearer to the Northern markets than the success ful mills of the South.

But in order to carry on this industry best machinery and to use the modern methods of manufacture. Old-time maequipment than to any advantage which mills have an advantage in being located in the cotton fields, and it is also true that these mills have had less trouble with labor than the Northern mills, cause our people are natives and are on better terms with their employers, the greatest advantage of all is the unmills are using.

TO ITS OLD LOVE.

Mr. C. W. Garris, chairman of the South Carolina Railroad Commission, said in a recent interview that "It began the South and the East, with consequent

This refers, of course, to the Demo

of the East-that is to say, the Democrats of the Northern tier of States—and the Democrats of the South, stood shoulder to shoulder together in all political contests, and they made a strong and sometimes an invincible combination. infamous force bill and kindred measures designed to harass and distress the South. They were friends in need, and friends true and tried. But in an evil moment the Southern Democrats turned their backs upon them and formed an al-liance with the West. What was the result? The party gained a few insignificant States in the West, and gained the support of some of the Western Populists, but we lost New York and other in fluential Northern States, and we los thousands and hundreds of thousands o leading Democrats in that section.

We are not going to rake up old scores we are not going to quarrel about the past; but the South mude a poor bar-gain indeed when it exchanged the North for the West, and it is now time for the South to repudiate that bargain and make friends once more with her friends at the It is significant and it is rea suring that so prominent a man as Mr. Garris, of South Carolina, should make the statement above credited to him, and we hope and believe that he speaks for the great body of There is no natural affiliation between the South and the West, politically speaking. The South is, par excellence, the Demo eratic section of the country. Democracy has always been found in this section. We are, by nature, by education and by tradition, Democrats, whereas the people of the Middle West, the people of Kansas and Nebraska and or favor, vindicating the innocent. States of that section, are by nature and education Populists; and there can be no true affiliation between Democrats and

> More than that, the interests of the Bouth are more nearly identified with those of the North than with those of the West. Generally speaking the Demo crats of the North and the Democrats of the South are agreed upon the princi-

dominated by the West, defeat is inevi-

In Baltimore the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has discovered that it is a common practice among colored drivers and stablemen to put what is called "blood root" into mules' food. It is said to have about the same effect upon mules and other animals that intoxicants have upon human beings. It inspires new energy and for the time being the animal will show an unusual amount of spirit, but like all other drugs or opintes, when its effect wears off, the animal is weak and stu-

Blood root is of reddish color and breath of the animal upon whom it is used has a vile odor. We wonder if this root has been similarly used in Rich-

The Episcopal Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, in session at Roanoke, promptly and almost unanimously voted against any change in the name of The Council of the Virginia diocese in session at Winchester last week took similar action. There is a great deal in a name. The Episco lians of Virginia are in love with their church and in love with the name under which the church has prospered, and they are not going to submit to any

of Pittsburg's great iron and steel business, did not take much stock in the views of his co-laborer, Mr. Carnegie, about the impropriety of dying poor. If how to turn the trick to his wife and 'our children. Mr. Jones' will has been probated in the Pittsburg court- and it his enormous estate of sixty millions to structions as to how they had best han-

The current issue of the Commoner in which Mr. Bryan says: "Defeat with-Democratic party than victory with him paper is an oft-repeated exceriation of several thousand people who thought the same way at a time when another

ling phophecy that the Czar of Russia die a natural death in June, and that England and Japan will form an alliance that will lick Russia and Franc before Christmas.

"If you are not for me, you are against me," said the President, as he brought down his right foot on the floor with a whack, and we all know where Mr. Han na lined up.

The Republican party has about cided to take Hanna at his word and not force a Presidential nomination upon him.

We observe that the free-pass inhibi tion has in no way decreased the num ber of office-seekers in this dear old

Manchester has just reached the firstclass grade in the matter of population. In other respects Manchester has been first-class all along.

The more Brother Payne dives into finds for regretting that he shot off hi lip too early.

When Mr. Cleveland entered Carnegi Hall the other night there seemed to come an echo from the St. Louis dedication.

Well, Mr. Quay has endorsed Pennypacker's administration, press muzzle and

The Philadelphia cartoonists, as well as the editors, continue to talk through their muzzles.

And now they are talking about a new western State, to be called Cycloho

Cyclones and rain-storms permitting Ohio will give the President the promised boost next Wednesday.

What a fortune Mr. Cleveland could make if he would only consent to syndicate his fish stories.

Ohio Republicans can fight harder and harmonize quicker than any folks on earth.

"Now, Uncle Mark, please don't,"-T

"I have don'ted."-M. Hanna

Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews' name.

longer ornaments the Commoner's D. H.

The Western Union might try the wire ess over the wreck in Pennsylvania.

VIRGINIA VIRGINIA LAW REGISTER. Vol 9, May, 1968. No. 1, George Bryan, editor, J. P. Bell & Co., Lynchburg. With this, the first number of volume

With this, the first number of volume 9 of the Virginia Law Register, Mr. Geo, Bryan, of the Richmond bar, who has for some time been the associate editor of the Virginia Law Register, takes full charge of it as editor, Mr. W. M. Idle having retired from the editorship with the last number.

number,

This number contains a very good picture of Mr. Lile, who so long and ably
edited the Virginia Law Register.

edited the Virginia Law Register.

The opening article in this number is by Mr. George Paxton, of the Norfolk (Ya.) bar, and is entitled "Legal Title in Case of Satisfied Trusts in Virginia."

The recent decisions reported in full are Clark vs. Larremore (U. S. Supremo Court); Beecher vs. Foster (Court of Appeals of West Virginia) and the following Virginia cases: No. Jort News. etc. Co. vs. Lake; N. & Rwy. Co. vs. Perrow; Fatterson vs. Bingham; City of Richmond vs. Sitterding, and Danville Railway, etc., Co., vs. Hodnett.

There are the usual departments devoted to "Editorials." "Notes of Cases," "Miscellany" and "Book Esylews,".

Half Hour With Virginia Editors.

The Roanoke Times, discussing the

'Get Rich Quick' schemes, says: Jet us emphasize this point: Any concern which can clear a thousand per cent, profit on a deal would never induce another to share it. Let those frauds alone. You may know of some one who has profited by it, but if so it was merely for a bait to entrap others.

The Virginia Gazette (Williamsburg)

says:
Local option provails in York, James
lity and Williamsburg. We now have
chance to give it a fair and impartial
rial. If a good thing, we will keep it,
f a bad thing, we will rid ourselves of it
a short order. That's Americanism, not
analicism.

The New Castle Record wants to se the dog law rigidly enforced in its county, and says :

There are many farmers and stockmen who own dogs that are actual necessi-ties about the farms, and to them the tax comes as a protection against theves and puts the dog in the list of personal and puts the dog in the ast of persons property, with a valuation. It is a good law in protecting the sheep industry from the ravages of dogs; in tending the rid the country of a lot of worthless curs; in creating a fund for a worth;

The Petersburg Index-Appeal makes

this point:

Of course, neither the action of the Legislature in regard to the Mann bill, nor its future action with respect to pro-hibition, cun finally fix the status of the Democratic party on the liquor question, though voters may properly hold the party responsible for the acts of its representatives in the Legislature. The final status of the party must be fixed by the Democratic voters themselves in a State convention.

A Few Foreign Facts.

The Countess of Warwick, who has done considerable writing in the past is now giving the finishing touches to flistory of Warwick Castle. She has been at work on the publication for five

A Vienna letter says that the upholders of the anti-Semitic pelicy of certain Austrians are greatly displeased with the latest literary production of Carmen Sylvia, Queen of Roumania. The work is a drama vividly portraying the sorrows of a Jewess deserted by her own people end persecuted by all the world. The play is described as "tremendously dramatic," and would command attention aside from the interest sure to attach to any production of the royal authoress.

any production of the royal authoress.

A committee, of which the Duke of Argyll is president, and Samuel Greenlees, of London, chairman, is about to issue an appeal to the British public for funds to establish a memorial in London to the Inte Sir Hector Macdonald. In the preliminary notice the exploits of General Macdonald are set forth, from his early days on the march to Kandahar to his deeds in South Africa, and G. W. Steevens' description of Macdonald at Omdurman is quoted.

Mile. Sarkisova, a Russian opera Mile. Sarkisova, a Russian opera singer, was traveling some time ago on the Trans-Caucasian Rallway when the train ran off the line and five of her teeth were knocked out. Mile. Sarkisova brought an action against the rallway company, claiming that, as the loss of five front teeth prevented her from singing, she was entitled to heavy damages, the civil court in St. Petersburg has just awarded her \$50,000 compensation.

Personal and General.

Bishop Henry Moeller has received offi-cial appointment as coadjutor to Arch-bishop Elder in the Cincinnati diocese.

Dr. George Adam Smith, of Glasgow Scotland, an authority on the Old Testa-ment, who came here to lecture at the Western Reserve University, is ill at Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland.

Mrs. M. L. Wadleigh has been appoin Kansas insurance commissioner was the first official to appoint a woman as ex-

Bishop Potter was sixty-eight year old on Sunday, and the pupils of Choir School of the Cathedral of St. Jo the Divine, presented to him a richly bound copy of the Epistles of St. John.

Captain Clough Overton, who was kill ed last week in a bolo rush in the ippines, had just previous to his finished constructing the thirty-mile that led into the Moro country in

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ABOUT

Town

-BY-Harry Tucker

DAILY CALENDAR. 4961-Richmond goes dry. 4964-Another brewery started on the

We have been informed by Mister Joe West that he is still the main guy in the C, and O. trips to Ocean View and other places in that vicinity.

We don't see why he should raise the

point with us, for we have never dis-puted the fact that he is still one of the

main guys.

In fact we knew before he told us, that he had sumpin to do with the Sunday excursions, for we started to go on one of them without preparing curself with the necessary credentials, thinking

tion." He added a few words of explanation.

"Sahibs, this is my brother, Govind Punt," he continued, "who is at present paying me a visit. He is a well known merchant of Delhi, and his illustrious shop is in the Chandney Choke. Like myself, he is a friend of the English."

Govind Punt looked as if he would like to disayow this statement, but instead he bowed very graciously. "My brother's guests are mine," he said. "But tell me, Manrao Punt, how shall you deal with those budmashes yonder? I hope there will be no shedding of blood."

"There need be none, brother," was the reply. "I will send them away."

It was time that some decisive step was taken, for the ryots had pushed through the gateway and were clamoring for the blood of the feringhees, which act of insolence the villagers were anxious to re-

They tell us, though, that has an eliting good at Ocean View, and we have made up our mind that the next trip we take to Ocean View we will carry some balt with us, at least the kind we can get from Frank Anthony, Lonnie Moore

When a fellow starts out early in the when a reliew states out can, and gets home early in the morning, and has to get down town at \$230, and has to wait until dinner for his breakfast, and then can't eat anything until supper, and feels awful even then, it can't be expected that

blood of the reringnees, which act of molence the villagers were anxious to resent by force of arms.

"Leave this to me," said Manrao Punt,
"Suffer me to go alone."

With no weapon but curved sword he strode down the short street, pushed through his own men and confronted the mob. They paid some attention to him at first, then answered his speech with angry cries, and seemed about to make a rush. But when he gave a sharp command, in response to which a piece of brass cannon was trundled from a little hillock to one side and pointed at the gateway, the valiant peasantry took to their heels in sudden fright.

With amazing speed they vanished in the jungle, and the shrill sound of their voices died to a murmur. The danger was averted without the striking of a single blow. awful even then, it can't be expected that he can go out and make himself agree-able at an evening party.

It's hard for a fellow to sing a song or tell a story when he has spent the provious evening showing a friend the town.

And it's hard for him to explain the whole thing to his best girl, whose brown eyes are llable to fill with tears, the sight of which breaks him all to pieces. The best he can do is to go off into the park and try to catch a nap, so he may lose all remembrance of what happened the night before.

"Things are seldon what they seem, You'd rather drink soda than eat ice

"Things are seldom what they seem,
You'd rather drink soda than eat fee
cream,
We can't ride a camel, but we can a goat,
When the weather is hot, we will doff
our cont."
These beautiful lines came to us from
that classic city of Lynchburg, written
in purple ink by a typewriter,
There is a fine sentiment contained in
the lines.

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It must be hot in Lynchburg, and as we belong to a "Shirt-Waist Club," or ganized one day in Branch Alleñw, we hope that our friend will find himself free to go about the streats without his coat, and not cause comment from the masses,

North Carolina Sentiment.

The Asheville Gazette remarks:

The "race problem" is being fought out in the New York pulpits. This is evidence that the problems of New York city are too much for the preachers, A distant problem is always easier and distant problem is always easier and safer to handle.

The hard-hearted Raleigh Post says:
We are not going to put on any mourning because of those automobile deaths at Paris. We never felt the slightest impulse to put on crepe because the fool who went up in a balloon came down like a stick. People who venture upon such foolhardy performances, well knowing the danger, deserve as brief an epitaph as can be given—and prompt forgetfulness.

two distinguished Carolinians: We judge from one or two recent news paper articles that the Hon. Marion But ler is again able to sit up politically and take notice. But the Hon. Othe Wilson is still unheard from.

The Durham Herald's logic is condensed

Colonel Robert Catlett, acting Attorney-General, has just finished the preparation of some briefs in cases which will ration of some briefs in cases which will come up in the Supreme Court of Wythe-wille next month, in these matters Colo-nel Catlett will appear for the State, owing to the continued indisposition of Attorney-General Anderson,

Duff-Glbson.

Duff-Gibson.

(Bpecial to The Times-Dispatch.)

CASTLEWOOD, VA., May 28.—Bunday afternoon Mr. Samuel H. Duff and Mrs. Florence Gibson, accompanied by several friends, drove to Lebanon and were married, Rev. F. Barney Thompson officiating. The bride was the young widow of the late John B. Gibson, of this place, and the bridegroom is a popular young carpenter of Norton, Va.

They left Monday morning on the westbound train for Norton, where they will make their future home.

CASTORIA The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Chart H. Witcher:

GRASS WIDOWERS' RATES. Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, Commence Saturday, June 6th.

Grass Widowers' excursion tickets be sold by the Chesapeake and Ohlo Rallway, commencing June 6th, at one fare, plus twenty-five cents, for the round trip for all trains of Saturdays during the for all trains of Saturdays during the summer to all stations on the main line between Richmond and Staunton, and for trains of Saturdays and No. 9 Sundays to all stations on the James River Divis-ion between Richmond and Howardsville. These tickets will be sold only to sta-tions at which trains for which ticket is sold are scheduled to stop, and are good returning until Monday following dates of sale.

Bears the Singusture Charff Flitching

THE PURPLE GOD.

though of most costly stuffs.

long, twisted moustaches.

dweller in cities. His handsome, but sin-

"What means this unseemly tumulty" demanded. "What rabble have dared

no demanded. What rabbe have dated to break down your gates? And who are these new arrivals?"

"They are more fugitives—this time

"They are more fugitives—this time from Meerut," replied Manrao Punt, "and

have promised to them also my protec-on." He added a few words of explana-

single blow. From the platform, with thankful hearts, the fugitives witnessed the brief affair. They saw the gates hoisted to their places again by the villagers and the work of repair commenced under the instructions of Manrao Punt.

"There will be no more trouble from that source," said Estcourt, "but it is doubtful how long we shall be safe here.

I suppose Rampoora is entirely destroy

"I'm arraid it is, replied sea."

"And we could see it burning as we looked back in our flight—that shows by what a narrow squeak we go away. Where will this deviltry end, I wonder?"

"It has only begun, and I fear it will spread far," said Jack. "But who gave

As Extecute innead has a control of the factor of the Marrao Punt returned.

"All is well," he said, "and those bud-mashes will surely not come back—they have a wholesome respect for my cannon, though the piece I showed them was

sahibs, pray come under my poor and accept such hospitality as I car

roof and accept such hospitality as I can offer you, I will give you food and drink, and then you shall take the rest that you so much need."
"Brother, Nath Baneril is waiting within, his store of goods outspread," said Govind Punt, in a questioning tone.
"I have known Nath Baneril for many a year, and he is one to be trusted," replied Manrao, "How is his hand this morning?"

Having instructed his servants to pre-

by their presence. He had a crafty countenance, and was

He had a crafty countenance, and was by no means as prepossessing as his elder brother, who also made some purchases, and kindly pressed upon Madge a gift of a jeweled brooch.

"Will you not have this for yourself?" Nath Beneril asked persuasively, as he held up a girdle of Afghan cloth, heavily embroidered with pearls.

"I desire nothing more to-day," Mantac Punt answered, in a firm tone, "You can put your merchandise together my friend."

"That's a pretty toy, Fane—I mean

"That's a pretty toy, Fane—I mean the pistol with the carved stock," said

Pistcourt.
The girdle fell from Nath Baneri's hand; his features changed and a swift strange fire seemed to leap to his eyes. "Is the sahib called Fane?" he inquired of the young officer, sheaking the

"Yes!"
"Lieutenant Fans, of the Bengal fua strong resemblance to him, came out of the house. But his dress, unlike that

That's right," said Jack, "But I don't He evidently did not belong to the vil-

siliers?"
"That's right," said Jack, "But I don't think I remember you."
"I once had the honor, sahib, of displaying my goods to you."
"Not in Meerut?"
"No, it was farther down country..."
At that moment Govind Punt, who had been paying sharp attention to Jack and the Parse, suddenly dived one hand into the latters pack and drew out an oblong object larger than a fowl's egg, that was tied up in green satin.
What rare treasure have you been keeping back?" he asked, half in jest.
Nath Banerji's face blanched with fear, which as quickly turned to a look of wrath. He snatched the green object from Govind Punt and thrust it beneath the folds of his kurmerbund, where it made a visible protuberance.
"This is not for sais," he said with some confusion. "It is a talisman—a secred thing that I carry always with me, as did my father in his time."
"I had no thought of robbing you." Govind Punt repiled, with a twinkle in his cunning eyes.
Further conversation was interrupted

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Further conversation was interrupted by a servant, who announced that breakfast awaited the sahibs. The Parses withdrew from the room with his merchandise, and Jack and Ruggles followed their host to an adjoining apartment, where an ample and varied meal was laid for them. Manrao Punt remained while they ate and drank as two hungry men can.

they ate and drank as two hungry men can.

"I must tell you candidly about my brother Govind, sahibs, who has a mind for little eise but his riches and his business," he said after a pause.
"He came to me two days ago, having seme foreknowledge of the revolt that has broken out, and sought my opinion as to which side we should take. I told him what I firmly believe—that, although this wicked work may spread far and deluge the land with blood, in the end the raj of the English will be trumphant, and woe and ruin will be the lot of the rebels. And I have persuaded Govind, who desires to be on the winning side, that I am in the right.
"So for the present he will be an inmate of my house, awaiting the turn of events. His shop in Delhi is in the care of his manager and clerks, who are trustworthy men and will guard their master's interests."

"Your brother has chosen wisely, for in the end it must be as you say," re-

insurrection.

"Does the Parsee also remain here?"
he asked.

"Ha wishes to do so, and I have consented." Manrao Punt answered. "Nath Banerii is a man of peace, and in this quiet refuge he will be safe from harm, whereas if he went on his travels through the country he would be in great peril from the evil bands of robbers and bud-mashes; who will be prowling about on all the roads. But I perceive that you have finished, sahibs. And rest comes properly after food."

Both Jack and the sergeant were the roughly exhausted. Each was shown to a cool, darkened room, and they were asleep directly after their heads touched the pillows. They awoke into in the day in as fit a condition as ever.

The proprieties were strictl yobserved in the old Hindoo's house. The evening meal was served to Ralph Estcourt and his sister, and Jack at one table, to Ruggles at another, while the law of caste forbade Manrao Punt, and his brother to break bread with any of their guests. But when night had fallen they all absembled on the veranda, which was lighted with lamps of colored paper and stlk, and such matters were discussed as lay nearest to their hearts. The zemindar insisted that the four fugitives should stop with him for the present, and they gratefully consented, having no definite plan of any kind, and knowing that it would be unsafe for them to lenve.

There seemed to be one source of dan-

There seemed to be one source of danger, namely, that the baffled ryots would carry word to Jhalapur or some other stronghold of mutiny, and that an armed force would be sent to the viliage to demand the foringhees. But Manrao Punt did not hold with this.

"The rogues will speedily forget what happened here, and will betake themselves to more promising fields of murder and pillage," he said confidently. "As for my own people, he assured that they

der and pillage," he said confidently. "As for my own people, he assured that they will keep my secret, and will let no whisper of your presence get abroad. They, themselves, however, will venture forth to gather news."

"You may be right, brother," said Gorind Punt. "But suppose, on the contrary, that the news leaks out and that soldlers come here to seek the feringhees?"

"He feels constant pain in it," Govind Punt answered, "but as there is so little swelling the serpent that bit him could not have had poisonous fangs,"

"Assuredly not, brother, else the man hees?"
"I would refuse to give them up," de-clared Manrao Punt, and he would not listen to the suggestion, earnestly made by Jack, that the young officer.aga his friends should seek shelter elsewhere, lest trouble befell their protectors.
"I have spoken," said the zeminder,

"I have spoken," said the zeminder, and by Brahma, I shall protect you with "Your folly be on your own head, brother!" muttered Govind Pynt, in an

into the house, where the furnity was
mostly European, of the kind to be bought
in the foreign bazaars of Delhi. Among
the ornaments were French clocks and
English engravings.

In the apartment to which the guests
were conducted, there sat cross-legged
in the middle of the floor an individual
whom Jack at once identified as a Parses
trader, or traveling merchant, and the
person of whom Govind Punt had spoken.
Nath Banerii-such was his name—was

brother!" muttered Govina Prit, in the undertone.

His mind was troubled, and whatever opinions he may have professed to agree with, he was far from confident of the uithnate success of British arms. But he was a far-seeing and cautious man, and his policy was to wait, from which decision he was not even turned the next morning, when a messenger—one of Manrao Punts own people, who had been absent from the village—arrived at daybreak with the news of the massacrs at Delhi. person of whom Govind Funt has spoken.
Nath Banerji-such was his name-was
a man of perhaps seventy, lean and wirylooking, with a beard and mustache that
were nearly white. He were the expensive
attire of his class—a silken tunic, a cashmere shawl for a kummerbund and a turban with a single gem sparkling in its "His right hand rested on a partly open bale of goods, and his last hale of goods, and his left was of practi-cally no use to him, for it was encased in bandages from the finger tips to the

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Remarks About Richmond.
Fredericksburg Star: The Board of Aldermen of Richmond is about to undertake an investigation of the charges of official corruption in that city which have been repeatedly made of late, and it is said the investigation is to be thorough. This is right. This duty has been delayed too long already for the good name of our capital city. ellow.

Having instructed his servants to prepare a repast for Juck and the sergeant—the others had already breakfasted—Manrao Punt made a sign to the Parsee, who spread out the contents of his pack with a view to selling.

The floor was soon littered with silver hookahs and cherry pipe sticks, anklets and bangles, Canton sliks, Dacca muslins, Indian gauze and lace, Lahore velvets, Damascened pistols and poniards, and many more rare and beautiful things. Govind Punt proved very keen at a bargain, and while he handled and hasgled over the articles that took his fancy, he now and then darted a furtive glance at the Englishmen, as if waguely troubled by their presence.

Newport News Press: The political forecasters are predicting for Richmond a long dry spell, unfavorable to corn and a long dry spell, unfarye, malt and hops.

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